(5) 7423/7424 Hyderabad-Tirapati Narayanadri Exp.

(6) 7551/7552 Auraagabad-Kacheguda Ajanta Express.

Life span of railway tracks in the country

4523. SURI S. S. AHLUWALIA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the normal average life span of railway tracks in the country after it is laid ana used for railway traffic;

(b) the details of the railway track in Bihar which has outlied the prescrib-' ed time-limit and still being used for rail traffic;

(c) whether Government propose to in the State; and

(d) if TO, the details thereof and if not, replace such rail 'tracks in the near future the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The average service life of railway tracks is taken as 20 years to 40 years depending upon the density of traffic and other related environmental conditions.

(b) to (d) Railway tracks are being kept in "SAFE CONDTION" by maintenance or renewals as required.

It is planned to undertake renewals on BG on the railway system during the VIII Five Year Plan on condition basis and availability of funds. The renewals on MG will, however, be restricted *to* only the stretches where the same are required on safety considerations as the important routes are being taken up for conversion to BG under the uni-gauge policy.

Introduction of new routes and extension of existing routes

4524. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Andhra Samaj (Regd.) of Bhaspur, Madhya Pradesh regarding introduction of new routes and for the extension of the existing routes; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST&Y OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Examined but not found feasible.

पश्चिम रेलवे के रेलवे स्टेशनों में समूह "घ" (ग्रुप "डी") के कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति

4525. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पश्चिम रेलवे के मंडलों के अंतर्गत विभिन्न रेलवे स्टेशनों में पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान समूह "घ" (ग्रुप "डी") के अनेक कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो नियुक्त व्यक्तियों की स्टेशन-वार संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ग) उनकी भर्ती के लिए क्या मानदंड निर्धारित किए गए थे ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) से (ग) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

पश्चिम रेलवे में उपलब्ध माल-डिब्बे

4526. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान पश्चिम रेलवे को योजना के